



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 31, 2002

### **H.R. 4609**

**A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a comprehensive study of the Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer, located in Idaho and Washington**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 22, 2002*

H.R. 4609 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study in conjunction with the states of Idaho and Washington of the Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer, a groundwater source for both states. This bill would authorize the appropriation of funds to develop a model of the aquifer so that the resource could be better managed.

Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4609 would cost \$3.5 million over the 2003-2005 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. H.R. 4609 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 4609 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Julie Middleton. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.